

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

7 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OIC

FROM: General Counsel

Subject: Proposed Executive Order Governing  
Foreign Service Reporting Functions.

1. CIA has now assumed responsibility for economic reporting. As pointed out in the survey of the Bureau of the Budget, the Foreign Service will be the prime source of economic data. On page 24 is the statement of CIA's contention that economic information is far short of what is needed, both quantitatively and qualitatively. On page 29 the survey points out that CIA requests are reviewed by "R", even to the point of determining whether a request is valid or makes sense or can develop useful information. Such a review by another reporting agency of the Government does not seem consistent with the responsibility now assumed by O/RR, and we therefore concur with the recommendation on page 30 that the reconstituted FR review CIA requests in the same manner it reviews all requests for information from the field. In addition, the proposed executive order is not limited to the field of economic reporting, but talks of any foreign data which an agency requests.

2. This then covers the whole field of overt reporting, and would seem that the specific statutory responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency in this respect should be recognized in the order (if indeed any order is required, which appears doubtful) as it considers situations which may be beyond agreement between the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence, and may include one or more of the other agencies engaged in intelligence activities.

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